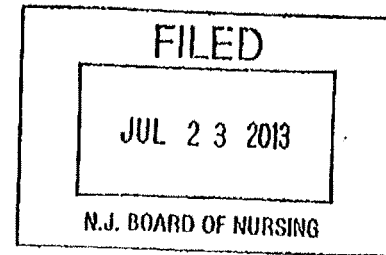
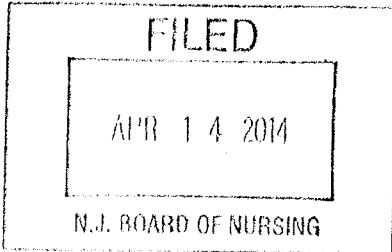


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STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR  
REVOCATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF

YAA SARPONG, C.H.H.A.  
Certificate No. 26NH10990800

HOMEMAKER HOME HEALTH AIDE  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

\* Finalized by Default on: 07/14/14

**FINAL**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the ABoard@) upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Yaa Sarpong ("Respondent") was licensed as a homemaker-health aide in the State of New Jersey on November 21, 2008 and has been registered at all times relevant hereto. (See L2K attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A.)

2. On March 31, 2012, Respondent was arrested for violations of N.J.S.A. 2C:13-2A, Criminal Restraint Risk of Serious Bodily Injury, N.J.S.A. 2C:24-8A, Neglect of an Elderly/Disabled Person, N.J.S.A. 2C:24-7, Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent Person, and N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1A, Simple Assault. The final charges were N.J.S.A. 2C:13-2A, Criminal Restraint Risk of Serious Bodily Injury, and N.J.S.A. 2C:24-7, Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent Person. (See Judgment of Conviction attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit B.)

3. On April 23, 2013, Respondent was found guilty of Criminal Restraint Risk of Serious Bodily Injury and Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent person and was sentenced to five (5) years of probation with several special conditions, including a requirement to undergo mental health evaluation, mental health counseling, and anger management until medically discharged. The judgment of conviction also ordered Respondent to surrender her homemaker-home health aide certificate. (Exhibit B.)

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent=s endangerment of the welfare of an incompetent person constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), since Respondent has been convicted of, or has engaged in acts constituting crimes or offenses of moral turpitude or relating

adversely to the activity regulated by the Board.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 23 day of July,  
2012,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent=s certificate to practice as a homemaker-home health aide be and hereby is provisionally suspended for a minimum of five (5) years, or until termination of her criminal probation, whichever is longer.

2. Prior to reinstatement by the Board, Respondent must appear before the Board and must provide proof of completion of all sentencing terms, including payment of fines, proof of rehabilitation to the satisfaction of the Board, and proof that Respondent is fit and competent to practice.

3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a certified homemaker-home health aide and/or practicing as a homemaker-home health aide, which includes but is not limited to performing delegated nursing regimens or nursing tasks delegated through the authority of a duly licensed professional nurse.

4. Respondent shall immediately, upon entry of a Final Order of Discipline, surrender her original registration to the Executive Director of the Board by mailing same to George Hebert, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New

Jersey 07101.

5. Respondent may request a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law within 30 days of the date this Provisional Order is filed by:

- a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to George Hebert, Executive Director, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.
- c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.

6. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order will be entered.

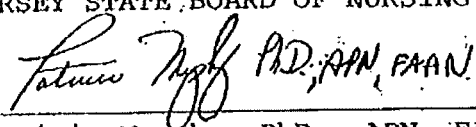
7. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations

in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held and upon review of the record, the Board shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions stated herein.

8. In the event that the Board receives no written request for modification or dismissal within 30 days following entry of this Provisional Order, without further Board review, all referenced preliminary Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and all provisional sanctions or penalties imposed by this Order shall automatically become the Final Decision and Order of the Board. Thereafter, Respondent's failure to comply with any sanction or penalty imposed by this Order shall be considered a violation of a Board Order in contravention of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e) and (h) and N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and may subject Respondent to additional sanction and/or penalty.

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